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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A poufable product ~~capable of being converted into a pouf product~~ comprising:

at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge;

at least one cord;

wherein the cord ~~engages~~ is interlaced with ~~at least one~~ the flat ply of the flexible sheet material ~~such that the flexible sheet material is capable of bunching on or about the cord.~~

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original): The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.

Claim 4 (Original): The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material has a tubular structure.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein ~~at least 4~~ the flat ply of the flexible sheet material comprises at least 2 two layers.

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 6, wherein ~~at least one layer~~ one of the layers of the ply of the flexible sheet material provides at least one has a different characteristic or property than the other ~~layers of flexible sheet material~~ layer(s).

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein there are ~~at least two~~ or more plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 9, wherein ~~at least one ply comprises a flexible sheet material which provides at least one~~ has a different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies ~~of the flexible sheet material~~.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a filament size of at ~~least one the flat~~ ply of the flexible sheet material is between about 0.1 denier and about 10 denier.

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the ~~length of each flat~~ ply of the flexible sheet material is has a length of about 6 feet or less.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The ~~pouf~~ poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the ~~width of the cord is~~ has a width between about 0.01 inch and about 1 inch.

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Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the cord ~~engages is~~ interlaced with the flat ply of flexible sheet material adjacent at least a portion of the side edge of the flat ply of flexible sheet material.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The ~~pouf~~ poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a cord fastener.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein the~~ flat ply of flexible sheet material forms a mitt structure.

Claim 21 (Original): The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a handle.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein ~~at least a portion of the poufable product~~ the flat ply of flexible sheet material is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material is breathable.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 20, wherein ~~at least the mitt structure~~ the flat ply of flexible sheet material is impermeable.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein ~~at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises~~ the flat ply of flexible material comprises a shrinkable material.

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Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein ~~at least a portion of the cord comprises~~ includes a shrinkable material.

Claim 27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): A method of using a poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:

providing at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge and at least one cord wherein the cord engages at least one ply of the flexible sheet material such that the flexible sheet material is capable of bunching about the cord; and,
activating the cord thereby causing the flexible sheet material to bunch about the cord.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord is interlaced through within or above at least one ply of the flexible sheet material.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing at least a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising disengaging the cord thereby causing the flexible sheet material to unbunch or ungather about the cord, wherein the pouf product is returned to the poufable product.

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Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing a mitt structure.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing a handle capable of being engaged with the mitt structure.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 33, wherein the mitt structure comprises the same material as the flexible sheet material.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material in at least two points.

Claim 37 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord is refastenably secured.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet flexible sheet material adjacent at least a portion of the side edge of the flexible sheet material.

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Claim 42 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising a cord fastener.

Claim 43 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 44 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the poufable product is provided in a multi-unit package.

Claim 45 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 44, wherein each poufable product in a multi-unit package is individually wrapped.

Claim 46 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising securing the cord such that the flexible sheet material remains in a bunched configuration about the cord.

Claim 47 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising returning the pouf product to a flat configuration after use.

Claim 48 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material.

Claim 49 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the cord comprises shrinkable material.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): A poufable product ~~capable of being converted into a pouf product~~ comprising at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge wherein ~~at least a portion of the~~ flat ply of flexible sheet material comprises a shrinkable material ~~such that the flexible sheet material is capable of bunching on itself.~~

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Claim 51 (Original): The poufable product of Claim 50, further comprising a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.

Claim 52 (Canceled)

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material has a tubular structure.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein ~~at least 1~~ the flat ply of the flexible sheet material comprises ~~at least 2~~ two layers.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 54, wherein at least one layer of the flat ply of ~~the~~ flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than the other layers of ~~flexible sheet material~~.

Claim 56 (Canceled)

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein there are ~~at least two~~ or more flat plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 58 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 57, wherein ~~at least one flat ply comprises a~~ of flexible sheet material ~~which provides at least one a~~ different characteristic or property than ~~at least one of the other flat plies~~ ply of the flexible sheet material.

Claim 59 (Canceled)

Claim 60 (Canceled)

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Claim 61 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein ~~the~~ a filament size of at least one the flat ply of ~~the~~ flexible sheet material is between about 0.1 denier and about 10 denier.

Claim 62 (Canceled)

Claim 63 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the length of each flat ply of ~~the~~ flexible sheet material is has a length of about 6 feet or less.

Claim 64 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material forms a mitt structure.

Claim 65 (Original): The poufable product of Claim 50, further comprising a handle.

Claim 66 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein ~~at least a portion of the poufable product~~ the flat ply of flexible sheet material is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 50, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material is breathable.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): The poufable product of Claim 64, wherein ~~at least the mitt structure~~ the flat ply of flexible sheet material is impermeable.

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Claim 69 (Withdrawn): A method of using a poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:

providing at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material; and, activating the shrinkable material thereby causing the flexible sheet material to bunch on itself.

Claim 70 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.

Claim 71 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

Claim 72 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing a mitt structure.

Claim 73 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 72, further comprising providing a handle capable of being engaged with the mitt structure.

Claim 74 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 72, wherein the mitt structure comprises the same material as the flexible sheet material.

Claim 75 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material in at least two points.

Claim 76 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the cord is refastenably secured.

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Claim 77 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 78 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 79 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.

Claim 80 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 81 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the poufable product is provided in a multi-unit package.

Claim 82 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 80, wherein each poufable product in a multi-unit package is individually wrapped.

Claim 83 (Withdrawn): The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising returning the pouf product to a flat configuration after use.

Claim 84 (New): A package of poufable products, wherein each poufable product comprises:

a flat ply of flexible sheet material having a side edge;

at least one a cord;

wherein the cord is interlaced with the ply of flexible sheet material.

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Claim 85 (New): A package of poufable products, wherein each poufable product comprises: a flat ply of flexible sheet material having a side edge wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material comprises a shrinkable material.